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CONCUR YOUR IDEA PARALLEL APPROACH TO ALEGRE ESPECIALLY
ON MATTER OF GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT. YOU
MAY WISH TO STATE AT THAT TIME THAT RECENT U.S. GOVERN-
MENT STUDY REGARDING MODERNIZATION OF U.S. TRANSMITTER
FACILITIES WILL RECOMMEND THE MODERNIZING OF BIB
TRANSMITTER FACILITIES IN EUROPE BUT SHOULD NOT DO SO
IN PORTUGAL "UNTIL A NEW LEASE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING
SOME FORM OF GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CONTRACTUAL
ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED." YOU MAY WISH TO ADD
THAT SUCH MODERNIZATION WILL ASSURE CONTINUED EMPLOY-
MENT OF PRESENT AND POSSIBLY ADDITIONAL RARET EMPLOYEES.
THE POINT THAT TRANSMITTERS WILL BE USG TRANSMITTERS
SHOULD BE STRESSED AND THAT THE FRG HAS JUST AGREED
TO DUTY-FREE IMPORT INASMUCH AS THESE TRANSMITTERS WILL
NOW BE GOVERNMENT-OWNED (STATE 253411). ROBINSON

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